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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

CHRISTELLER et al.

Application No.: 09/743,690

Filed: May 11, 2001

For: CHIMERIC POLYPEPTIDES
ALLOWING EXPRESSION OF PLANT-
NOXIOUS PROTEINS

Examiner: Anne R. Kubelik

Art Unit: 1638

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2002, Applicants submit this amendment and response. A Petition for a three-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith in a separate paper to extend the time for response to on or before May 19, 2003. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please replace the title with the following title:

NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING CHIMERIC POLYPEPTIDES
ALLOWING EXPRESSION OF PLANT-NOXIOUS PROTEINS